

Trees on Maine Street

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"Going to the woods is going home." - John Muir



Project Canopy, the Maine Forest Service's community forestry program, will award \$200,000 in grants to local governments and municipalities, educational institutions and non-profit organizations that support community efforts to develop and maintain long-term community forestry programs.

Project Canopy, a cooperative partnership between the Maine Forest Service, under the Maine Department of Conservation; and GrowSmart Maine, encourages communities to develop project proposals that support sustainable community forestry management, increase awareness of the benefits of trees and forests, and increase the health and livability of communities through sound tree planting and maintenance.

Funded by the U.S. Forest Service, the Project Canopy grants are available in two categories: planning and education grants and tree planting and maintenance grants. About \$90,000 in

grant funds also is available specifically for projects in the Presumpscot watershed.

"These grants not only support significant community forestry projects, but they also support and create jobs throughout the state in the green industry, including nurseries, landscapers, foresters and loggers," Jan Santerre, MFS said. The total economic impact of the horticulture industry in Maine is \$286 million annually, and the industry supports 7,826 jobs.

Since 2003, Project Canopy has awarded more than \$1.2 million in funding for community forestry projects. The average grants range from \$6,000 to \$8,000 and require a 50-percent cost-share with cash or in-kind services, the program director said.

"These days, cities and towns have big budget challenges and often no extra money for things like tree planting," she said. "Having these grants available allows them to make investments in their communities.

"Trees are something that people take for granted, yet they really appreciate mature trees on their streets," Santerre continued. "It's not until they lose them that they realize their value."



The planning and education grants have a maximum award of \$10,000, while the planting and maintenance grants have a maximum award of \$8,000. To be eligible to apply for a 2011 assistance grant, all applicants must attend a grant workshop before submitting an application. Grant workshops will be scheduled in September at various locations around the state. The workshops will cover such topics as grant writing, project development, sustainable community forestry management and grant administration.

Grant applications are due at the Maine Forest Service by 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 17.

To learn more about the Project Canopy Assistance program and to sign up for a grant workshop in your area, contact Project Canopy at (207) 287-4987.

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PROJECT CANOPY

assists communities and nonprofit, grassroots organizations in building self-sustaining urban and community forestry programs with strong local support.

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News and Updates

Meet the Wasp

Cerceris fumipennis is a native wasp which does not sting and likes to live in baseball diamonds. This wasp usually hunts native prey, but when Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) are present, it is very good at catching that pest. It has been helping the Maine Forest Service and local volunteers throughout the state monitor for EAB. On July 27th, we held a field demonstration in Freeport to meet the wasp and see it in action. The [Portland Press Herald](#), [Sun Journal](#) and [MPBN](#) all covered the event.



For more information on EAB and the work we are doing to prevent its invasion into Maine: <http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/fhm/pages/CercerisVolunteers.htm>

Free Trees Available!

Project Canopy has always connected communities with trees. Since the beginning of the program in 1990, we have offered grants to communities for tree plantings. Since then, we have distributed millions of dollars in grant money to plant trees on streets, in parks, and in front yards throughout Maine. This year, through the generosity of Dutton's Nursery, in Morrill, Maine, we are offering a different type of tree planting opportunity. Dutton's has unfortunately decided to close operations at the end of the season this year. Rather than wholesaling remaining stock, they have decided to give back to the communities that have supported their business over the years, by donating trees to Project Canopy. Cities, towns, schools, and non-profit organizations will be eligible to receive free trees for community planting. Over one thousand trees are available, of over 75 species and varieties. Sizes range from 5 gallon shrubs to trees anywhere from 1 to 5" caliper. Two distribution dates in September and October, 2011 will be set aside to pick up trees at Dutton's Nursery. Tree recipients will be responsible for picking up trees, while Dutton's and Maine Forest Service staff will help load orders. All recipients must first submit an application/registration with Project Canopy, in order to track donations as well as to minimize problems on the distribution dates. For those smaller communities and organizations that may not have the ability to transport the trees, there may be opportunities to consolidate transportation with larger service centers and surrounding Tree City USA communities. Project Canopy will work with you to make those connections. To receive the inventory of trees available, and to register, please contact Jan Ames Santerre at jan.santerre@maine.gov, or 287-4987.

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"No town can fail of beauty, though its walks were gutters and its houses hovels, if venerable trees make magnificent colonnades along its streets."

- Henry Ward Beecher, Proverbs, 1887



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Northern Catalpa, *Catalpa speciosa*

Large, showy white, trumpet-shaped flowers grace the Catalpa in late spring. Its narrow crown is oval-shaped or uneven, upright with distinctively large, heart-shaped, bright green leaves and long, bean-like pods. Withstands wet, dry, alkaline soils and hot, dry environments, but prefers moist, deep soil. Sun or partial shade. Grows to 40'-60' with a 20'-40' spread. (Zones 4-8)



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Community Wrap-up

News from good people doing good things



Northern Research Station New Publications List 2 2011

A list of the newest publications from the Northern Research Station is now available.

The Northern Research Station provides leading-edge forest science and technology applications to serve a wide range of clients in the 20-state region of the Northeast and Midwest.

Check out our this link where you can view and print the online versions or order paper copies of the publications:

<http://nrs.fs.fed.us/pubs/updates/>

ShadeFund.org

Established by The Conservation Fund with a lead grant from the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, ShadeFund enables individuals, companies and foundations to help green entrepreneurs across America grow their businesses and create jobs. Tax deductible contributions to ShadeFund are pooled and lent to qualified small green businesses nationwide. As entrepreneurs repay their loans, those same dollars are recycled to help other entrepreneurs grow their businesses. For more information, visit www.shadefund.org

Forging the Link—Linking the Economic Benefits of Low Impact Development and Community Decisions

This project documents, through a series of case studies, the advantages of Low Impact Development (LID) in the economic terms of how municipal land use decisions are commonly made.

In addition to the environmental and water quality benefits for which Low Impact Development (LID) is so commonly known, considerable economic, infrastructure, and adaptation planning benefits are also being realized through the incorporation of LID-based strategies.

Forging the Link demonstrates the substantive economic benefits—for both construction budgets and project life-cycle costs—that are increasingly being observed by municipalities, commercial developers, and others when using Green Infrastructure for stormwater management. In addition, the FTL curriculum demonstrates the use of LID as a means for building community resiliency to changing climates in a water resources management context.

For more information visit: <http://www.unh.edu/unhsc/forgingthelink>

To read the latest Forests for Maine's Future Newsletter

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fso48/1101695341803/archive/1107316867574.html>



The fifth issue of the 2011 Conditions Reports is now available on-line: http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/Cond_2011_5.htm. The report is also available from the Conditions Reports index page: <http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/ConditionsReportsIndex.htm>. Find out why your maple leaves are falling early...

The University of Minnesota has just published a booklet entitled, "Stem Girdling Roots—the Underground Epidemic Killing Our Trees" Download it here:

<http://www.myminnesotawoods.umn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2009/12/sgr-book.pdf>

UP & COMING

USDA Forest Service Northeastern Area event calendar:
www.na.fs.fed.us/urban/index.shtm

September

- 10 [Maine Tree Farm/SWOAM Forestry field day](#), 9-3 Higma's Inc., Brunswick.
- 12-13 [Urban Tree Growth: An International Meeting and Research Symposium](#), The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, IL
- 13 Hazard Tree Workshop, 8am-12pm, Houlton Town Office
- 18 [Tree Identification Program at Beaver Park](#), 1-3 Lisbon
- 19 [Free Stream Crossing Workshop](#), 9-3 Hodgdon Fire Dept
- 23-25 [Common Ground Fair](#), Unity
- 25-28 [Society of Municipal Arborists International Urban Forestry Conference](#), Milwaukee, WI

October

- 22-25 [2011 NEC-ISA Annual Meeting and Tradeshow](#), Maine Maritime Museum, Bath

November

- 3-5 [TCI EXPO 2011](#), Hartford, CT
- 15-17 [Partners in Community Forestry National Conference](#), Lake Buena Vista, FL

Contact us by the 15th of each month to get your community's event on the calendar

"Trees can reduce the heat of a summer's day, quiet a highway's noise, feed the hungry, provide shelter from the wind and warmth in the winter. You see, the forests are the sanctuaries not only of wild-life, but also of the human spirit. And every tree is a compact between generations."

- George Bush, U.S. President, 1989